

## Maunsel White to Andrew Jackson, January 29, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### MAUNSEL WHITE TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, January 29, 1831.

*D'r Sir,* I some time since had the Honor to receive the Letter you were so kind as to address me under date 18th Nov. last; informing me, that you had directed your Cotton to be sent to me for sale, and expressing a hope that I would find it nicely handled and well put up. I should have long since replied to you, but knowing how much your time is Occupied with public affairs, I wished to be able before I wrote to give you my Opinion of your Cotton; this I have now the pleasure to inform You that I am Able to do. It arrived a few days ago in beautiful Order, and was put away safely without a Drop of rain, 59 Bales. I cut seven of them indiscriminately and it gives me great satisfaction to say to you that your Overseer has done his duty so far. it was without blemish, and the quality (by Judges,) pronounced good; but I am sorry to say no One offered me more than 9 cents lb. in place of what you were in hopes of getting. Our choisest crops dont bring over 10 cents, altho quoted at 10½, and our market is Unus[u]ally dull, but this is to be attributed to a scarcity of shipping as well as the Unsettled state of politics in Europe, added to the failures and Disturbances in England. We ought to have had much later dates than the 11th Decr. from England the latest we have recd. and I am therefore in hopes that our Next advices will inform us that all is Once More quiet in Europe, if so we may confidently look forward to immediate improvement both as respects price and Demand. I therefore intend to hold your Cotton at 10 Cents, which I think it is fully worth Until better or Worse News reaches us. the lat[t]er I do not by any Means Calculate on, but it is within the range of probability in the event of a general War in Europe. on this subject however, you Must

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be better advised than any one else in these states, and if it were not asking too much, or what might be improper for me to ask, I would ask yr opinion on that subject. . . .